No. D. 4923—C. S. 11-36-231, dated Bangalore, the 12—15th January 1938.

In exercise of the powers vested under Section 44 (2) (g) of the Mysore Co-operative Societies Act VII of 1918 as amended from time to time, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore are pleased to make the following rule for the election of the members to the Committees of Management and of other offices of Co-operative Societies.

Rule 31—The following rules for the election of the members to the Committees of Management or of other offices of Co-operative Societies should be adopted by all Co-operative Societies registered in Mysore under the Mysore Co-operative Societies Act VII of 1918 as amended from time to time.

RULES.

1. Soon after the close of the official year, the accounts of the society should be got audited, and the date of the annual general meeting fixed and intimated to all the members, at least 15 days before the date of the meeting.

2. A list of members who are in default for three months and more, in respect of their dues to the society, should be prepared, and notices given to such defaulters at least 15 days before the date fixed for the general meeting that they will not be entitled either to vote at the general meeting, or to stand as candidates for election to the Committee of Management, or to any office in the society, if they fail to pay up the amounts due to the society seven days before the date of the general meeting.

Exception.—This provision shall not apply to such of the rural societies as may be exempted by the Registrar.

3. Members desirous of standing as candidates to the Committee of Management, or to other offices, should give their applications to the Secretary, or to the office of the society at least five days before the date of the general meeting. A member may nominate as many persons as there are seats on the Committee or other office, from among those who are not defaulters and give such nomination paper to the Secretary or to the office of the society at least five days before the general meeting. In all cases

of nominations, the consent of the concerned candidates should have been obtained in writing. If the consent of nominated candidates has not been taken, their names shall not be included in the voting slips.

4. The names of those who have duly applied or are nominated (if they are not otherwise ineligible) shall be noted in the voting slips, and a copy thereof shall be published on the notice board of the society three days before the date fixed for the general meeting.

5. Three days before the date of the general meeting, a list of members eligible for voting should be prepared and kept in the society for inspection of members.

6. All the members that attend the general meeting should sign in the Register kept for the purpose as they enter the place of the meeting.

7. The General Body should decide the time during which voting may take place. If the power of fixing the time of voting has been delegated to a committee by the General Body, the committee may fix the same.

8. Voters should appear in person and vote.

9. Identification slips may be issued to members entitled to vote. Members who hold identification tickets should produce them before the Polling Officer at the Polling Booth and obtain voting slips from him.

10. The voting slip should bear the seal of the society or some other distinguishing mark.

11. Canvassing or soliciting votes prior to or during the conduct of elections shall be strictly prohibited within the premises (which shall include the compound of the building also) where the polling is arranged to be held.

12. Voting shall be by ballot, and voters should put a mark prescribed for this purpose against the names of candidates whom they wish to elect, fold the voting slip, and deposit it in the ballot box. The polling officers should help the illiterate members in marking names in the voting slips.

13. The General Body should, before the commencement of election, appoint as many Polling Officers as may be necessary for the proper conduct of elections and Tellers to count the votes.

14. After all the voters present have voted or after the time fixed for voting by the General Body or by the Committee is over, the Polling Officer shall stop voting and deliver the Ballot Box to the Tellers.

15. Tellers shall take into consideration only such voting slips as shall have been regularly filled up.

16. Soon after the counting of votes is over, the result shall be announced either at the general meeting, if possible, or published on the Notice Board of the society under the signature of the Chairman of the meeting.

17. The Chairman of the General Meeting shall arrange to keep in safe custody in the society in a sealed box the voting slips and their counter-foils, the register containing the signature of members that attended the meeting and the report of the Tellers. These may be burnt two months after the date of the general meeting.

18. If any member wishes to file any dispute regarding the elections, he should do so, within thirty days from the date of announcement of the result of the election by presenting a petition before the Registrar.

No. L. 5995—L. B. 22-37-22, dated Bangalore, the 12—13th January 1938.

In exercise of the powers vested in them under Section 100 (2) (*c*) of the Mysore District Boards Act 1926, as amended from time to time, Government are pleased to direct that the following words be added at the end of Rule 6 (1) (*c*) of the Rules issued with Notification No. L. 5470—L. B. 25-26-55, dated 5th February 1927, as amended from time to time, for the conduct of business at meetings of the District Boards, etc :—

" or criticisms on the actions or policy of Government or of any public authority not subject to the control of the District Board or on the decisions of any court of law."

By Order,
P. H. KRISHNA RAO,
Secretary to Government,
Local Self-Government Department.

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